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SUBJECT: VORSTER MAKES FOREIGN POLICY SPEECH

1. IN SPEECH BILLED AS MAJOR FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENT DELIVERED BEFORE SENATE OCTOBER 23, PRIME MINISTER VORSTER STRESSED CERTAIN POINTS THAT EITHER HE OR FONMIN MULLER HAVE MADE BEFORE. SPEAKING OF AFRICA AS A WHOLE, HE DESCRIBED NEED FOR AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE JOBS, FOOD AND DECENT LIVING STANDARDS FOR THEIR PEOPLE. HE SAID SOUTH AFRICA PREPARED TO HELP IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF AFRICA. INEXTENDING HAND OF FRIENDSHIP TO REST OF AFRICA, VORSTER STRESSED THAT ALL COUNTRIES NEED STABILITY, WHICH IN TURN DEMANDS A LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT SUFFICIENT TO PROVIDE FOR THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE.

2. VORSTER TALKED OF NEED FOR PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. HE SAID SOUTHERN AFRICA AT CROSSROADS AND HAD TO CHOOSE BETWEEN PEACE
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OR ESCALATION OF CONFLICT. HE SAID IT WOULD "NOT BE UNFITTING"

FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA TO SET UP ITS OWN UNITED NATIONS. FROM THIS, HE SAID, WOULD COME UNITY, PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT FOR THE AREA. HE DECLARED HE WOULD COMMIT HIMSELF AND HIS GOVERNMENT TOWARD ACHIEVING THAT AIM.

3. IT WAS IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST TO SEE RHODESIAN PROBLEM SOLVED. HE SAID IT NOT TRUE, AS SOME WERE SAYING, THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS HOLDING RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT BACK FROM SETTLEMENT. SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT INTERFERE IN RHODESIA'S AFFAIRS, BUT HE BELIEVED AN HONORABLE SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND FOR THE RHODESIA PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH RECENT ATTEMPTS TOWARD SETTLEMENT HAD FAILED, RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT VIEWED SETTLEMENT AS A MATTER OF HIGHEST PRIORITY. IT HAD BEEN SUGGESTED BY SOME THAT ZANU AND ZAPU HAD BEEN ENCOURAGING RHODESIAN BLACKS NOT TO SETTLE. VORSTER SAID IT WAS IN EVERYBODY'S INTEREST TO SEE SOLUTION OF RHODESIAN PROBLEM AND HE ENCOURAGED ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO WORK TOWARD THAT GOAL.

4. HE REFERRED TO RECENT INITIATIVES BY NATIONAL PARTY TO STIMULATE MULTIRACIAL TALKS IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA. IT WAS UP TO PEOPLE OF SWA THEMSELVES TO SOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS. UNTIL SUCH TIME, THOUGH, SOUTH AFRICA WOULD NOT WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORY, FOR IF IT DID UNIMAGINABLE CHAOS WOULD FOLLOW.

5. VORSTER SPOKE FROM NOTES, MOSTLY IN AFRIKAANS. FULL TEXT WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL TOMORROW. EMBASSY WILL TRANSMIT FURTHER DETAILS AS APPROPRIATE.
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